



State Senator

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Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE

A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

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| SB 845 | PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SUBMISSIONS (Allen)
Requires state convention nominations of president and vice president of the United States to be submitted not more than one day after the convention. |
| SB 846 | PROTECTED OBLIGATIONS (Cassis)
Revises economic development definition of other protected obligations for downtown development authorities. |
| SB 847 | MACOMB COUNTY STATE LAND (Switalski)
Conveys certain state-owned land in Macomb County to Macomb-Oakland Regional Center, Inc. for the purpose of providing services to individuals requiring community-based health services due to mental illness, aging, substance abuse, physical rehabilitation, developmental disability or other human service needs. |
| SB 848 | 9-1-1 FEE SUNSET (Patterson)
Revises sunset date of fee associated with 9-1-1 emergency telephone number. |
| SB 850 | STATE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (Allen)
Requires payment disbursements of financial expenditures by the state to be paid by electronic funds transfer. |
| SB 851 | STATE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (Allen)
Allows payment of state employees' wages by electronic funds transfer as an acceptable form of payment. |
| SB 852 | INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTION (Emerson)
Pauses reduction of income tax rate based on budget stabilization fund balance. |

- SB 853 ADOPT-A-RIVER REPORTS (Brown)
Provides for volunteers under adopt-a-river program to report nature and amount of litter collected.
- SB 854 STATEWIDE RECYCLING COORDINATOR (Birkholz)
Establishes office of the statewide recycling coordinator in environmental protection statute.
- SB 855 ADOPT-A-SHORELINE REPORT (Basham)
Provides for volunteers under adopt-a-shoreline program to report nature and amount of litter collected.
- SB 856 STATE LITTER STUDY (Cropsey)
Creates a comprehensive study of state's litter problem and a marketing program to reduce littering.
- SB 857 ADOPT-A-TRAIL DATA (Bishop)
Provides for use of data compiled by adopt-a-trail program.
- SB 858 ADOPT-A-PARK DATA (Gilbert)
Provides for use of data acquired by adopt-a-park program regarding litter problem in Michigan.
- SB 859 RETURNABLE DRINK CONTAINERS (Olshove)
Includes container that contains residue of substance other than the original contents of the container, container that is too crushed to read bar code and container that presents a health risk to a dealer or distributor in provision that allows a retailer to refuse certain returnable beverage containers.
- SB 860 LITTER HOTLINE (Kuipers)
Requires Department of Environmental Quality to maintain a toll-free hotline for reporting littering.
- SB 874 OAKLAND COUNTY PROPERTY (Bishop)
Amends prior authorization of conveyance of certain property in Oakland County to grant first offer to Pontiac School District.
- SB 875 START-UP BUSINESS EXEMPTION (Gilbert)
Exempts start-up businesses from utility users tax for tax years in which the business does not make a profit.
- SB 876 EMPLOYED TEACHER HIRING (Gilbert)
Prohibits hiring by school district after July 1 of teacher already employed by another school district without permission of the first school district.
- SB 877 ELECTION DAYS (Hammerstrom)
Limits number of possible election days to four per year and provides other general election amendments.
- SB 878 IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS' RIGHTS (Garcia)**
Requires merchants to release information on fraudulent transactions, requires state police to fingerprint and issue statement that person is victim of identity theft and prohibits collection agency from harassing victims of identity theft.
- SB 879 IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS' RIGHTS (Garcia)**
Prohibits collection agencies from communicating with consumers contrary to identity theft victim's rights act.
- SB 880 IDENTITY THEFT VICTIMS' RIGHTS (Garcia)**
Includes violation of identity theft victim's rights act as violation of Consumer Protection Act.
- SB 881 COUNTY OFFICE VACANCY (Bishop)
Clarifies procedures for the vacancy in a county executive office.

SR 200 SECRETARY OF MANUFACTURING (Bishop)
Urges Congress and the president to create a new cabinet-level position of secretary of manufacturing.

Committee Schedules

Committee meetings' agendas and times are subject to change.

House

Agriculture and Resource Management (12/9/2003)

Location 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda HB 5154 Gaffney Environmental protection; toxic substances or products; uses of pesticides at schools and day care centers; regulate.

Appropriations: Joint Capital Outlay (12/10/2003)

Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Time 8:30 AM
Agenda Use and Finance Statements - Universities
SBA lease approvals

Commerce: Mortuary Market Reform (12/10/2003)

Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda HB 4199 LaSata Cemeteries and funerals; other; definition of cemetery merchandise purchased at wholesale; include caskets.

HB 5203 LaSata Cemeteries and funerals; other; prepaid funeral contracts; require certain reports of activities and revise remedies and penalties.

HB 5204 LaSata Occupations; mortuary science; prohibition against joint ownership of funeral homes and cemeteries; repeal.

SB 512 Toy Cemeteries and funerals; other; preneed cemeteries and merchandise services; provide for under the prepaid funeral act.

SB 513 Toy Cemeteries and funerals; other; revisions for transferring preneed sales to combined act; provide for.

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation (12/10/2003)

Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda HB 5023 Milosch Recreation; state parks; free access to state parks for individuals who served in the Iraqi Freedom War; provide for.

HB 4752 Shackleton Natural resources; other; certain application fees for nonprofit entities; adjust.

HB 5194 Sheltrown Natural resources; other; election for the directors of the conservation district; allow for by mail-in absentee ballot.

HB 4867 Koetje Weapons; concealed; promulgation of rules prohibiting the carrying of concealed pistols on certain state land; prohibit by certain state agencies under certain circumstances.

HB 5334 Ward Property tax; exemptions; certain shooting ranges that allow law enforcement officers to train at their facilities; exempt.

Criminal Justice (12/10/2003)

Location 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda HB 5347 Nofs Crimes; penalties; operation of audiovisual recording function of a device in motion picture exhibition facilities; prohibit and prescribe penalties.

HB 5336 Stakoe Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of audio visual

recording in a motion picture facility; enact.

SB 637 George Liquor; drinking age; definition of possession as presence of alcohol in the body; clarify and modify penalties.

SB 511 Gilbert Cemeteries and funerals; funeral practices; penalties for failure to properly dispose of a body within a reasonable time period; provide for.

SB 508 Sanborn Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of failing to dispose of human body as provided by written agreement; enact.

Education: Intermediate School District Review (12/9/2003)

Location 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 10:30 AM
Agenda Update on Intermediate School District Review

Health Policy: Access (12/5/2003)

Location Superior Room Bay Area Medical Center 3100 Shore Drive Marinette, WI
Time 2:00 PM
Agenda Testimony on Access to Health Care

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Clerk Phone Number 517-373-5795
Location Conference Room Dickinson County Health Care System 1721 S. Stephenson Avenue Iron Mountain, MI
Time 9:00 AM
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House Fiscal Agency Governing Board (12/9/2003) Updated 12/04/2003

Location House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building
Time 11:45 AM
Agenda Quarterly Report

Judiciary (12/9/2003)

Location 308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda HB 5338 Howell Civil procedure; other; procedure for affidavit of merit for medical malpractice; revise.

HB 5182 Kooiman Civil procedure; evictions; procedure for eviction of tenants of property where controlled substances are manufactured, possessed, or delivered; revise.

HB 5197 Kooiman Housing; landlord and tenants; procedure for eviction of tenants of property where controlled substances are manufactured, possessed, or delivered; revise.

HB 4871 Jamnick Civil procedure; costs and fees; statutory attorney fees in landlord-tenant eviction and land contract forfeiture actions; revise.

HB 5307 Van Regenmorter Probate; trusts; uniform principal and income act; create.

Local Government and Urban Policy (12/9/2003)

Location 307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda SB 601 Switalski Cities; home rule; property maintenance codes and international codes; allow adoption by reference.

HB 5333 Sheltrown Counties; boards and commissions; prohibition of certain appointments and employment; exclude certain counties.

HB 4638 Gleason Elections; recall; criteria for recall petition; add.

HB 5351 DeRoche Counties; employees and officers; procedures for the vacancy in a county executive office; clarify.

Tax Policy (12/9/2003)

Location 308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 2:00 PM or After Session
Agenda HB 5041 Drolet Single business tax; tax base; health care costs; provide for 5-year phaseout.

Transportation (12/10/2003)

Time 9:00 AM
Agenda SB 785 Patterson Vehicles; license plates; procedures to establish and issue fund-raising plates; revise.

FOR TESTIMONY ONLY:
HB 4757 LaSata Trade; fair trade practices; certain unfair methods of competition and pricing practices in the retail distribution of motor fuel; prohibit.

IF TIME PERMITS:
HB 4707 Voorhees Traffic control; parking; individuals authorized to issue citations to violators who illegally park in a handicapped parking space; expand.

HB 4927 Ward Vehicles; license plates; specialty plate for the Thin Blue Line; provide for.

Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security (12/9/2003)

Location 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
Time 9:00 AM
Agenda HB 5280 Ward Education; employees; requiring school employees to remain in or search a school when a bomb threat is made; prohibit unless certain training has been provided.

HB 5009 Hoogendyk Counties; boards and commissions; membership on the county committee of veterans affairs; revise.

Senate

Appropriations: Capital Outlay, Joint (12/10/2003)

Clerk Phone Number 373-2629
Location House Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Time 8:30 AM
Agenda Use & Finance Statements - Universities
SBA Lease Approvals

Education (12/9/2003) Updated 12/04/2003

Location Room 100, Farnum Building
Time 11:30 AM
Agenda HB 4508

Family Resource Center Curriculum Joint Study (12/10/2003)

Location Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building
Time 4:00 PM
Agenda Committee member discussion of visions, goals and suggested models of delivery.

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Time 4:00 PM
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Government Operations (12/9/2003)

Location Senate Hearing Room, Ground Floor, Boji Tower (formerly Michigan National Tower)
Time 1:30 PM
Agenda Advise & Consent Report from Appropriations - Natural Resources Subcommittee on Curtis Hertel, Sr.,

Janet Mansfield & Carol Oakley, appointed members to the Michigan State Waterways Commission

SB 800, SB 801, SB 845, HB 4820, HB 4822, HB 4823, HB 4824, HB 4825, HB 4826, HB 4827, HB 4828, SB 877

Judiciary (12/9/2003)

Location Room 210, Farnum Building

Time 1:00 PM

Agenda HB 5216, HB 5217, HB 5218, HB 5219, HB 5220, HB 5224, HB 4249

Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs (12/9/2003)

Location Room 210, Farnum Building

Time 1:00 PM

Agenda HB 5216, HB 5217, HB 5218, HB 5219, HB 5220, HB 5224, HB 4249